

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) An on-demand power-operating door apparatus comprising:

a supporting structure forming a passage;

a door mounted to the supporting structure by a hinge structure defining a stationary vertical axis of rotation at the supporting structure, and a movable vertical axis of rotation at the door, the door being swingable about the stationary and movable axes between a passage-closing position and a passage-opening position; and

a power operator for opening the door comprising:

a motor mounted on the supporting structure,

a manually operable switch for energizing the motor and accessible to persons positioned to pass through the passage, and

a linkage having a first end operably connected to a drive shaft of the motor to be rotated thereby, and a second end arranged to push against the door, wherein the motor is operable to move the linkage from a first position to a second position corresponding respectively to

the passage-closing and passage-opening positions of the door, the door being manually swingable from the passage-closing position to the passage-opening position independently of the linkage and being manually swingable to the passage-opening position regardless of the location of the linkage between the first and second positions thereof; and

a closer spring for returning the door from its passage-opening position to its passage-closing position;

wherein the linkage is returnable from the second position to the first position independently of the door.

12. (New) The on-demand power-operating door apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the closer spring comprises a first closer spring, the apparatus further comprising a second closer spring for returning the linkage to its first position, the first closer spring being weaker than the second closer spring.

13. (New) The on-demand power-operating door apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the supporting structure comprises a framework attached to a wall.

14. (New) The on-demand power-operating door apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the door comprises a balanced door, the hinge structure disposed adjacent a first vertical edge of the door and comprising upper and lower horizontal

hinge arms, a first end of each hinge arm affixed to a vertical hinge shaft defining the stationary vertical axis of rotation, a second end of each hinge arm connected to the door by a pivot, the pivots together defining the movable axis of rotation and being spaced a distance from the first vertical edge of the door toward a second vertical edge of the door, wherein the linkage is disposed in a region located between the movable hinge shaft and the second vertical edge of the door.